

Appl. No. 10/001,634

Reply to Examiner's Action dated November 29, 2005

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Final Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-40 in the application. The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of Claims 6, 16, 24 and 36 is allowable. To expedite issuance, the Applicants have amended Claims 1, 11, 21 and 31, and cancelled Claims 5, 6, 15, 16, 24, 35 and 36 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 1-4, 7-14, 17-23, 25-34, and 37-40 are currently pending.

**I. Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-23, 25, 27-35 and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-23, 25, 27-35 and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,747,977 to Smith, *et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,789 to Lyons, *et al.* The rejection is now moot since independent Claims 1, 11, 21 and 31 have been modified to include subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of independent Claims 1, 11, 21 and 31 and those claims depending therefrom.

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## II. Conclusion

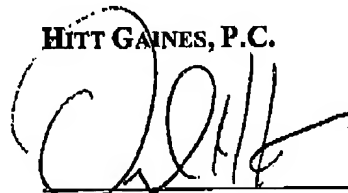
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-4, 7-14, 17-23, 25-34, and 37-40.

It is not believed that any fees are due regarding this matter; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2395.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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